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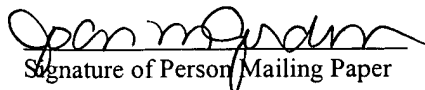
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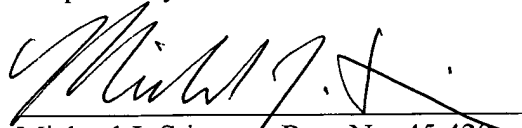
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Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed December 20, 2005, having a shorted-statutory response period with extensions, extending through and including March 20, 2006, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.


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